



November-December 2018/January 2019

Dear Pastor and Co-laborer in Christ,

Another year has come and gone; we are thankful for God's goodness in our lives and ministry here in Costa Rica. We finished the year with inviting several churches from the area to our Thanksgiving service. God blessed, and we had over 50 in attendance. We had a great time of food, fellowship, testimonies, and preaching.

In December, Shannon's mom passed away. We are thankful that Shannon was able to be with her mom when she passed and that we were able to be there as a family for the funeral. We immediately flew back to Costa Rica on the 19th of December and hit the ground running. We were able to get back in time for Natalie's piano recital on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We enjoyed our Christmas service with our church on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a special time where we read the Christmas story to the children. We were even able to bring them a special treat from the States. We celebrated with lunch after the service and had the traditional Costa Rican meal of tamales.

On December 30, we celebrated our last Sunday of 2018 with a breakfast. We had a great time of testimonies. It is exciting to hear the different testimonies of how God has changed the hearts of many of the people here in Costa Rica. We praise the Lord for the spiritual growth we have seen in our people.

We have stepped into 2019 with a greater desire to see God bless and work here in Costa Rica. The theme for our church this year is "Draw me closer to Lord in 2019." This is truly our desire as missionaries to be drawn closer to Lord and to teach the people here how to continue to grow in 2019. We have a desire to see more souls saved, more people discipled, and more people trained to work in His service.

The Lord has blessed us, and we were able to start the construction of the roof on the back part of the church. This will be a tremendous blessing to us as we get closer to rainy season. This will enable us to get down to the bathrooms and nursery under the roof without being exposed to the weather. We are still in need of \$5,000 to finish all of these projects. Please be in prayer about this financial need.

Your missionaries in Costa Rica,

*The Rick Dove, Jr. & Family*

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